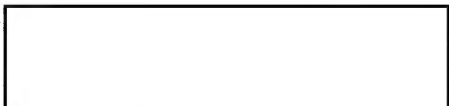


THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your phone call on the occasion of my new appointment. Before writing to you about this I had wanted to await the completion of the confirmation and swearing-in processes and this accounts for the tardiness in my writing.

I look forward to the future. The opportunities, I believe, outnumber the problems that will be there and knowing that good and solid professionals like you inhabit this great Agency, gives me a sense of optimism.

All the best.

Faithfully yours,



E. H. Knoche

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